EXHIBIT 24

DATE 3-26-13

HB HR 4

March 25, 2013

Testimony: House Agriculture Committee Public Hearing, 3/26/13

RE: HR4

To the members of the House Agriculture Committee:

I urge you to reject HR 4 recently submitted to you by Rep. Kerry White.

Although I live in Rep. White's district (HD 70), he certainly does not represent my views or those of my friends and neighbors who value Montana's wilderness. The Forest Jobs and Recreation Act ("FJRA") reflects the concerns and compromises of Montana groups with diverse and even conflicting interests concerning forest management. It does not provide all of the wilderness protection I would like, but I believe it deserves my respect and yours as a serious, reasonable and balanced plan.

Furthermore, Rep. White's submission of HR4 to your Committee is procedurally defective. As you well know, HR4 (as HJ8) has already been twice rejected in this session by the House Natural Resources Committee and is therefore ineligible to be considered again. Moreover, the subject matter is not within the scope of your Committee's expertise.

Sincerely,

Gallatin Gateway